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--8. (Amended) An accounting system including an accounting center and a terminal device for communicating with the accounting center,

the terminal device comprising:

a first memory for storing accounting point information;

a second memory for storing distributed information distributed from an external source; and

a controller for updating the accounting point information stored in the first memory and for updating attributes of the distributed information when the distributed information is stored in the second memory,

wherein when the distributed information is stored into the second memory, the controller decrements the accounting point information stored in the first memory and updates the attributes of the distributed information from an unavailable state to an available state, and

the accounting center comprising:

accounting means for carrying out an accounting processing based on the accounting point information transmitted from the terminal device.

--9. (Amended) An accounting system including an accounting center and a terminal device for communicating with the accounting center,

the terminal device comprising:

a first memory for storing accounting point information;

a second memory for storing distributed information distributed from an external source;

a first controller for updating the accounting point information stored in the first memory and for updating attributes of the distributed information when the distributed information is stored in the second memory; and

a second controller for making a request for purchasing the accounting point information to the accounting center and for updating the accounting point information stored in the first memory based on an accounting processing corresponding to the accounting point information executed at the accounting center, and

the accounting center comprising:

accounting means for carrying out an other accounting processing based on the request for purchasing the accounting point information transmitted from the terminal device.--